

SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2022

ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 438. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th, Strickland of the 17th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retention of contractual payments and creation of escrow accounts on contracts for installation, improvement, maintenance, or repair of water or sewer facilities, so as to change certain provisions relating to retainage of progress payments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SB 439. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Summers of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to provide that the owner of a property or tenement at issue in a dispossessory proceeding shall be allowed to appear during a trial of the issues individually or by an agent, attorney in fact, or attorney at law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 440. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Payne of the 54th, Albers of the 56th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dam safety, so as to revise the definition of a dam; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

SB 441. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Goodman of the 8th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts in general, so as to provide for the reestablishment of the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board as an advisory board to The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia; to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide the Georgia Crime Information Center with grantmaking authority, subject to conditions; to provide for such conditions; to provide for compliance with data transmission requirements; to repeal provisions concerning the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 442. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that electors may choose to permanently receive absentee ballots; to provide for procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 443. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to remove the prohibition regarding providing food and drink to persons in line to vote at polling places; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 444. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Harrell of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to remove the limitation on the number of absentee ballot drop boxes which may be utilized in a primary or election; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 445. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Hickman of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-143 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil and criminal penalty for violation of Section 610 of National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 and regulations and final orders issued thereunder, so as to revise civil penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 446. By Senator Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Warren County, approved February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3651), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4007), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 447. By Senator Burns of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Glascock County, approved February 8, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 569), as amended, so as to add two members to the board; to provide for the districts for the election of members of the board; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the method of election and continuation in office; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 448. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, McNeill of the 3rd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide that each peace officer in this state who lawfully arrests or detains an individual with or without a warrant or as the result of a traffic stop shall check such individual's citizenship status to determine if such individual is lawfully present in this country; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 449. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Tippins of the 37th, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to review of removal of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the protection of the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children from undue infringement by a state or local government entity, local board of education, or any officer, employee, or agent thereof; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 450. By Senators Strickland of the 17th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reestablish the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3663), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 451. By Senators Strickland of the 17th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Newton County, approved March 31, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2405), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 452. By Senators McNeill of the 3rd, Anderson of the 43rd, Payne of the 54th, Rahman of the 5th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require administration of a nationally recognized college entrance exam to public school students in grade 11 who choose to participate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 453. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3889), so as to change the description of the electoral districts; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 454. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the Board of Public Education for Bibb County, approved August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

[SR 429.](#) By Senators Albers of the 56th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 1, 2022, as Firefighters Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 430.](#) By Senators Jones of the 25th, Jordan of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th and Hickman of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2022, as National Girls and Women in Sports Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 431.](#) By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James Matthews "Jimmy" Blich Sr.; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 432.](#) By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Dugan of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Clarence Edward Morgan; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

[SR 433.](#) By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Dugan of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bruce Yawn; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 434.](#) By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Tippins of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia State University football team on its outstanding performance and victory in the 2021 Tax Act Camellia Bowl; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 435. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Rahman of the 5th, Harbison of the 15th, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Commissioner Tyrone Oliver; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

HB 478. By Representatives Rich of the 97th, Burchett of the 176th, Holcomb of the 81st, Ballinger of the 23rd, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to opinions and expert testimony, so as to change the rules of evidence regarding expert testimony in criminal cases; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 907. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Leverett of the 33rd and Collins of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct of special primaries and special elections generally, so as to revise provisions relating to dates for special elections to present a question related to sales and use taxes for transportation, mass transportation, or transit special districts to the voters in even-numbered years; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

HB 945. By Representatives Holmes of the 129th and Crowe of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, particularly by an Act approved September 21, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 380), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 946. By Representatives Holmes of the 129th and Crowe of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Butts County, approved March 30, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4919), as amended, particularly by an Act approved September 21, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 386), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1012. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Tattnall County, approved August 18, 1927 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 674), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4661), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to define certain terms and provide for certain inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1014. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to abolish the mode of compensating the sheriff of Montgomery County, Georgia known as the fee system, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2120), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2856), an Act approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3648), and an Act approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3189); to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1015. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Montgomery County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1016. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, approved February 27, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2729), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4118), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for manner of election and terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1017. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Montgomery County Board of Education, approved March 21, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3151), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4489), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the manner of election; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for initial terms of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1018. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County, approved August 18, 1919 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 646), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3735), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1019. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the City of Swainsboro, approved December 6, 1900 (Ga. L. 1900, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 30, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3666), so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1020. By Representatives Hogan of the 179th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, approved February 11, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1336), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3627), so as to provide new district boundaries; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1023. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Talbot County Board of Education, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4710), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 13, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4310), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1024. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the Board of Commissioners of Talbot County, approved February 16, 1876 (Ga. L. 1876, p. 291), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 13, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4305), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1025. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Barr of the 103rd and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Hall County, approved March 21, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 661), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4597), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to define certain terms and provide for certain inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1026. By Representatives Leverett of the 33rd and Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Madison County, approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4698), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4106), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1027. By Representatives Leverett of the 33rd and Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Madison County, approved March 27, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2667), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4112), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1033. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Camden County Public Service Authority, approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4273), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4189), and an Act approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3948), so as to readopt provisions of the Act; to provide a short title; to provide for severability; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1036. By Representative Leverett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the members of the Board of Education of Lincoln County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.